

# Teaneck Topics



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## **PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES PLANNED**

**O**n Thursday September 11, 2008, the Teaneck Township Council and the Patriotic Observances Advisory Board will mark the 7th anniversary of the attacks on our Nation. We will honor the lives that were taken from us in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania, and recognize the truly indomitable spirit of America we have seen in the days since September 11, 2001. The ceremony will take place at 8:45 a.m. at the rear entrance to the Municipal Building and will include a keynote address and the placing of wreaths at both the memorial plaque and tree.

The Patriotic Observance Advisory Board is currently planning the Veterans Day ceremony which will take place on the Township Green at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday November 11, 2008. The ceremony will include a keynote address highlighting the significant contributions made by those men and women who served our Nation and the placing of wreaths at the monument on the Municipal Green by the Township and various civic organizations.

The Patriotic Observance Advisory Board is appointed annually by the Township Council and has overall responsibility for coordinating the Memorial Day, Flag Day and Veterans Day ceremonies as well as for organizing the annual Fourth of July parade. The Board has as its members, representatives from various civic and veterans' organizations.

Residents of the community are encouraged to participate in the events and ceremonies and to contact the Board with any contributions, concerns or comments of a patriotic nature they may have. You may contact the Chairman, Louis J. Tibolo at 201-692-1152, or contact the Township Clerk at 201-837-1600 for information.

Please join with us on September 11, 2008 and on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008.



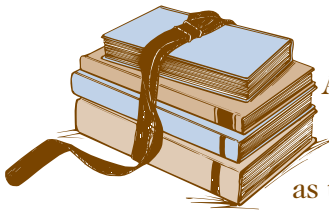
## **ATTENTION**

Curbside collection of garden debris will be ending October 9, 2008. Garden Debris pick-up will resume in January 2009. Please refer to your 2009 recycling calendar, which will be available on the website at [www.teanecknj.gov](http://www.teanecknj.gov) at the end of December 2008, for exact dates.

**NOTE:** you may bring garden debris to the Recycling Depot, located at 1600 River Road, Thursday through Monday, 7:00 am to 2:45 pm, excluding Township Holidays.

## **RECYCLING DEPOT**

The recycling depot is open Thursday thru Monday 7:00 am to 2:45 pm. The depot will be closed September 1 (Labor Day), October 13 (Columbus Day), November 27 (Thanksgiving Day), December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1 (New Year's Day). Additionally, the recycling depot may be closed during snow plowing operations. Call 201-837-4841 for information on possible interruption of service.



## LIBRARY NOTES

At press time, the Library was on the way to having its biggest summer ever! When economic times are difficult, public Libraries generally experience increases in use as people have less disposable income to spend on books, DVDs, CDs, etc. This is certainly true this year as the number of items borrowed by patrons is up substantially over the previous year.

At the same time, the Library's budget of materials is flat. We treat all requests for new materials as requests to buy the item. A number of you request 10, 15, 20 items per week - all of them new. We cannot buy them all but we buy many. Please be patient - if you do not hear from us in 24 to 48 hours, it is because we cannot provide that level of service. State funds for delivery were cut by 50% in July 2007 so it takes longer for items borrowed from neighboring libraries to arrive here. You always have the option of going to the library that owns the item and borrowing it directly. If speed is of the essence, there is always the local Barnes and Noble outlets.

With the generous support from the Puffin Foundation and the Thayer Brown endowment fund, the Library had the four WPA murals in its reference room restored this summer. The murals, which depict the history of printing, were painted by Robert J. Martin, a New Jersey artist in 1937. Stop by to see these glorious works of art.

The Library expects to get all new roofs this fall. Township capital funds will permit long needed work to commence on both the flat and slate roofs over the entire structure. The Library will remain open as much as possible - partial closures are likely during the work, which will likely occur over several months. Noise is likely - we ask for your understanding.

The Library welcomed a new Librarian in the Children's Department this summer. Alica Abate holds a Masters Degree from Rutgers. Many of you probably met her during the summer reading program. If you did not, stop by and say hello!

### TEANECK GARDEN CLUB GREENHOUSE

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The Teaneck **Garden Club Greenhouse**, which began over fifty years ago, is located at the foot of Lindbergh Boulevard, off Glenwood Avenue. Members enjoy learning about horticulture in the hands-on fashion. They grow plants for the "**Grace Kriegel Memorial Herb Garden**," "**Teaneck Firehouses**", and maintain a bench of their own plants. Members also enjoy the privilege of the garden plots next to the Greenhouse.

The Greenhouse engages in community service beyond providing plants and gardens. A "**Greenhouse Plant Sale**" is held every spring featuring a wide array of decorative and useful plants. In March and April, classes are taught with **Hawthorne School** elementary school students in *Propagation*, *Herbs*, and *Garbage Gardening* along with *Greenhouse tours*. The Greenhouse supports a "**Teaneck High School Scholarship Program**" in partnership with other civic organizations. The "**Grace Kriegel Herb Garden**", now 32 years old, is being restored by volunteers.

The Greenhouse operates October through May and welcomes new members. For further information, check the **Teaneck Garden Club Website** [www.gardenclubofteaneck.org/greenhouse.htm](http://www.gardenclubofteaneck.org/greenhouse.htm) or email [mailadmin@gardenclubofteaneck.org](mailto:mailadmin@gardenclubofteaneck.org).

**LEAF COLLECTION** - The Leaf Collection will begin on October 14th and continue through December 8th, 2008. Please be sure to have all your leaves, grass clippings and small plant material raked out to the street on or before December 7th. Once the leaves have been picked up in your area after December 7th, the Township **will not** be back to pick them up.

**NOTE:** Do not place branches, or large plant material

with leaves as they are not suitable for composting with leaves, and could damage the street cleaning equipment. These will be collected as garden debris in January 2009, or you may bring them to the Recycling Center anytime it is open. Please refer to the recycling calendar for garden debris pickup schedule.

Township Regulations require leaves placed in the street, shall not be placed closer than 10ft from any storm inlet.

**STREET TREES** - Residents may request street trees (tree planting within the public right of way) in front of their residential homes. Please call 201-837-4842 to request a tree.

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT FALL 2008

**T**he Teaneck Recreation Department is proud to share with the community the Fall 2008 lineup of programs for residents of all ages which reflect the Department's commitment to providing quality events which are planned for the fall. We are constantly re-evaluating and keeping a pulse on the request and enticed of the community.

## Fall Program Information:

**Mail-in Registration** for Recreation Department Programs has begun.

**Walk-in Registration** begins Tuesday, September 2nd.

The Recreation Department Fall Program is a 10 week session starting September 15 for students from 18 months to 54 years of age.

**The Senior Division (ages 55 and up)** is a 13 week session for Fall classes starting September 15. For further details on activities, special events and classes call 201-837-0171.

## Children and Adult Programs (Ages 18-54):

• **Childrens Classes include:** Arts & Crafts, Drama, Golf, Junior Bowling, Karate, Kindercreaft, Kindergym, Instructional Chess, Instructional Ice-Skating, Fencing, Tennis Lessons, Toddlekings, Pottery, Junior Bowling, Open Gym Basketball and also dance classes such as: Creative Dance, Creative Movement, Hip-Hop, Tap and Ballet.

• **Adult Classes Include:** Open gym Basketball, Golf, Volleyball, Fencing, Pottery and Tennis Lessons.

We have expanded our adult exercise program to include a Belly Dance Basics program in addition to Pilates, Hatha Yoga and Salsa Aerobics.

Our very successful fencing program has been expanded to include an additional class for adults and high school students ages 15 to 17.

• **All Youth Division Programs are State Licensed.** After School Program (Grade K - 8th Teaneck Residents only) has an open enrollment for School Year 2008 - 2009. Children who attend must be bus eligible or able to provide their own transportation. The hours of operation are from school dismissal to 6:00 pm. Highlights of the After School Program include homework assistance, recreational activities, arts and crafts, creative movement activities, Pizza Thursday and outings in Votee Park. Some of our famous special events include: Anti-Bullying week, Etiquette Day, Guinness Book of Records, Talent Shows, International Feast, Pin Wheels for Peace, Dictionary Day and Book Exchanges. The fee for this program is \$125.00 per month, sibling discount is \$100.00 per month plus a one time \$10.00 application fee. The After School Program starts on September 3, 2008. Applications are available in the Recreation Office for the School year 2008-2009.

Sunshine Garden Learning Center will begin a new exciting school year on September 8, 2008. The Learning Center provides a safe, educational and fun experience for Teaneck children ages of 3 - 4 years. Hours of operation 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with After Care available until 6:00 pm. The goal of the Learning Center is to promote learning by discovery with interesting, fun age appropriate activities using the Montessori based method. The fee for this sensational program is \$375.00 per month, sibling discount is \$250.00 per month plus a one time \$10.00 application fee. The School Year 2008 - 2009 is full. Please visit or call the Recreation Department to schedule a meeting with the program's director.

## Adult Programs 55 and Up:

The Teaneck Senior Services Center offers a stimulating array of educational, physical fitness and recreational programs and activities throughout the year for the active adults ages 55 and over. Pre-registration is required for the Center's popular class offerings to Teaneck residents.

• **Classes include:** Ballroom & Latin Dancing, Folk Dancing, Middle Eastern Dancing, Tap Dancing, Exercise classes for all levels i.e. Lite & Gentle, Low Impact, Men's Fitness, Osteoporosis, Pump the Prime, Tai Chi Chuan, Toning & Strengthening, Water, Yoga, Stretch, Pilates, Bridge Instructions, Wood Carving, Watercolor Painting, Pottery, Clay Sculpting, Drawing & Social Recreation activities.

Selective educational and creative workshops are offered throughout the fall. Additionally there are monthly birthday celebrations and entertainment scheduled.

Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events. If you are a new resident to the Township or have not previously participated in any of these programs, please call or visit the Senior Services Center.

• **September 10:** The Bergen County Annual Senior Citizen Picnic at Van Saun Park - this free county-wide event includes lunch, entertainment and information tables.

• **October 31:** Halloween Party.

• **November 7:** Lunch and Learn Program sponsored by Teaneck Health Department - Health Fair which includes screening tests, seminars and opportunity to meet the representative of health and safety organizations.

• **November 18:** Our annual trip to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.

• **December 3:** Annual Open House - Showcases the talents of our Senior Center participants.

• **December 17:** Holiday Party.

• **December 31:** New Year's Eve Party.

# MORE RECREATION DEPARTMENT FALL 2008

For more information call our office at 201-837-0171 between the hours of 8:45 am - 4:15 pm if you would like to receive our Fall 2008 Brochure including class description.

## Transportation:

- **Free Transportation:** Food shopping Wednesdays and Thursdays and medical appointments Monday through

Friday five days a week in Teaneck, Hackensack and Englewood.

A trip to the mall is offered on the fifth Wednesday or Thursday of the month.

Please call us at 201-837-7130 ext. 1 for any other information.

## PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD MEDICATION

Recent tests of the drinking water supplies of 24 major metropolitan areas of the United States have revealed the presence of minute quantities of various pharmaceuticals, both prescription and over-the-counter. The EPA currently does not require testing and has not set safety limits for any drugs in water. The contamination is global in nature and found in both surface water and underground aquifers. Scientists are concerned about long term exposure to the drugs and their interactions both on human health and the environment. Research is currently ongoing in terms of better detection and effective removal of the drugs from both water and sewage treatment systems. The drugs get into water supplies after being metabolized by the body or flushing of unwanted, excess or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs down a sink or toilet. The EPA and the NJDEP have developed the following guidelines for the proper disposal of unwanted, excess or expired household medications:

- ✓ Keep medicine in the original container. Mark out personal information on prescription bottles.
- ✓ Mix liquid medicine with inedible substances such as coffee grinds, cat litter or soil (in the original container). Dilute pills in water, then add inedible substances.
- ✓ Place the original medicine container in a larger opaque container or dark colored plastic bag.
- ✓ Hide or bury the opaque container in your household trash. Please note that improper disposal in your trash potentially allows other to consume medication that was not prescribed to them.

If you need additional information please call the Health Department at 201-837-4824.

## New Website for TEDC

The Teaneck Economic Development Corporation has debuted the [Teaneckbiz.com](http://Teaneckbiz.com) website - a resource for residents, businesses, and property owners as well as those who want to come into Teaneck to do business. Information on all of Teaneck's Commercial Districts is available on the website, with over 1000 listings of businesses in Town. Real estate commercial property listings are now also compiled on this site. If property owners have vacancies or buildings for sale, they can post them free of charge by entering them on the site. The lists will be updated quarterly. If you know of or have a business that is not included, please enter the information at [www.teaneckbiz.com](http://www.teaneckbiz.com).

## Cedar Lane

Most Cedar Lane Merchants Open Late at least two nights to Ease Shoppers' Busy Lives.

Cedar Lane Merchants are making it easier and more fun to stay local. A new Thursday and Wednesday late-night promotion has most of the merchants in the District staying late until 8pm so that residents and patrons can use the stores after work and camp.

Many of the merchants will now begin to feature outdoor seating during the warmer weather.

On Thursdays, the Teaneck Farmers' Market is open until 6:30pm, through October 30th.

For more information go to [www.cedarlane.net](http://www.cedarlane.net) or call 201-907-0493.



# RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED TO BE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS!

Residents are reminded of these simple but important rules to be a good dog owner and a good neighbor:

- Curbing of dogs. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to soil, defile or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever. The restrictions in this section shall not apply to that portion of the street lying between the curblines which shall be used to curb such dog.
- All dog owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their dog's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private. When the dog shall have defecated on the portion of a public street between the curblines, it shall not be considered a violation of this article; provided, however, that the person owning or in charge or control of the dog shall immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, all feces deposited.
- Leashing and control of dogs. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any of the public places of the Township of Teaneck, unless such dog is accompanied by a person who is capable of controlling the dog and who has the dog securely confined and controlled by a leash.
- Carrying of pooper scooper. No person owning, keeping, harboring, in charge of or in control of any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any of the public places of the Township of Teaneck, unless such person shall at all times have on his person a proper scoop or container or similar efficient sanitary means to immediately remove any and all feces deposited by the dog, and such person shall be required to immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, all feces thus deposited.

Residents are encouraged to report any violations of these Township ordinances to the Teaneck Police Department at (201)-837-2600.

## CHILD FIND PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Bergen County Special Services, Region V/Teaneck schools are sponsoring a Child Find public awareness campaign to locate and provide services for unserved/underserved youth, including migrant and homeless children, with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. Children may exhibit physical, mental, language or emotional difficulties. Local district's Child Study Teams provide screening, evaluation, guidance services and, if a child is found eligible, educational programs. These are provided free for those need services.

If you are concerned your child age 3 - 21 is developing or learning differently, you can call the Bergen County/Region V office at 201-599-0585, or your local child study team in Teaneck at 201-833-5486.

Information on how and where to obtain services for children under 3 years of age may be obtained by calling 800-322-8174.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Teaneck residents are reminded of the Township's street sweeping program. Streets are swept five days a week in all business districts. Street sweeping is completed on a once-a-week schedule in the residential district, interrupted only by the mammoth task of leaf collection (roughly from October 1 through mid-December). During the leaf pickup period residential streets are swept on a schedule that is dictated by the accumulation of leaves.

The effectiveness of the street sweeping program depends solely upon the cooperation of the residents; the sweeping machines cannot get to curbside if vehicles are parked in the street on sweeping day. Residents are asked to do their part by making certain that vehicles are off the street on street sweeping day, which is determined as noted in the following schedule:

**Monday:** South of Route 4 west of the railroad, south of Cedar Lane and west of Queen Anne Rd.

**Tuesday:** East of Queen Anne Rd. and south of Cedar Ln.

**Wednesday:** East of the railroad, north of Cedar Lane to Genesee Ave./ Bogert St./West Englewood Ave.

**Thursday:** North of Genesee Ave./Bogert St./West Englewood Ave. to the Bergenfield line, and east of Sussex Rd. to the Englewood line.

**Friday:** North of Route 4 and west of the railroad, south of Englewood Ave. and west of Sussex Rd. to the Bergenfield and New Milford boundaries and to the Hackensack River.

Please help the Department of Public Works keep Teaneck clean! For further information, contact the Department of Public Works at (201) 837-4842.

# TEANECK SERVICE DIRECTORY

## 201 AREA CODE

Ambulance Corps .....837-2600

**To Report a Medical Emergency . .911**

Animal Control Service - Weekdays .....837-4824

Evenings and Weekends .....837-2600

Building and Zoning .....837-4830

Board of Adjustment .....837-4835

Planning Board .....837-4835

Emergency Management .....837-2600

Finance .....837-4816

Fire Department .....837-2085

**To Report a Fire Emergency . . .911**

Health and Human Services .....837-4824

Social Services Coordinator .....837-4828

Library .....837-4171

Municipal Court .....837-4850

Police Department .....837-2600

**To Report a Police Emergency . . .911**

Community Policing .....837-8759

Detective Bureau .....837-2565

Police Information .....837-2600

Police Records/Traffic .....837-2551

Youth Bureau .....833-0495

Public Works .....837-4842

Engineer .....837-4837

Recycling Hotline .....837-4841

Purchasing Department .....837-4815

Recreation .....837-7130

Youth Services .....837-7130

Senior Services .....837-7130

Senior/Physically Challenged Van . . .837-7130

Tax Assessment .....837-4846

Tax Collection .....837-4819

Township Council .....837-4811

Township Clerk .....837-4811

Township Manager .....837-4807

Vital Statistics .....837-4820

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